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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/735,449	ROMAN ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(3) Eduardo Robert

(2) Brian Hollis

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Date of Interview: 29 November 2007

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 11.

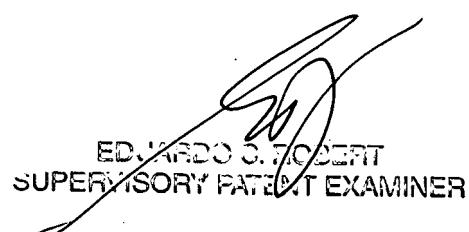
Identification of prior art discussed: Hopf (US Patent 5,814,046); Bremer et al (US Patent 6,022,351); Kuras et al (US Patent 6,585,739).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative, Brian Hollis, contacted the Office to discuss the final rejection mailed on August 24th, 2007. Specifically, it was described how the structure of Hopf did include a torque-limiting feature as well as the functional language. Primarily, it was stated that additional structure further defining the cap and base in terms of shape, engagement with the post (channel and collar) and teeth protrusions would help define over Hopf. In regard to Kuras et al, additional limitations describing the shape of the cap and base again would assist in defining applicant's device over the prior art. Bremer et al was stated as primarily being useful for the teaching of force-limiting. Applicant was reminded to review to the additional cited prior art as well as to be aware that additional search and consideration would be conducted upon the submission of an amendment.